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Memo from [REDACTED] to Chief, D/CG, dated 7 January 1957,
Subject: Information on Oil in the Middle East in Current Intelligence
Weekly Summary for 20 December 1956 (Copy of Part II, and Part III
were attached also.)

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TO : Chief, Geographic Research, ORR ✓

DATE: 28 January 1957

FROM : Chief, Cartography Division, ORR

SUBJECT: OCI "Middle East Oil Map" No. 70000

1. In August 1956, OCI approached D/GC to inquire whether a revision of Map No. 12382 was scheduled. In cooperation with D/GG they were informed that no revision was scheduled for at least 6 months based on the then current work load. It appears that a definite requirement with priority should have been placed on D/GC where a proper map would have been constructed. An attempt at cartography such as this is unfortunate.

2. Following are specific comments regarding the subject map:

a. The international boundaries between the following countries are omitted:

- 1) Turkey and Greece (main map)
- 2) Tunisia and Algeria (main map)
- 3) Algeria and French West Africa (main map)
- 4) Jordan and Syria (inset map)
- 5) Ethiopia and British Somaliland (main map)
- 6) Somalia and British Somaliland (main map)

b. The international boundaries are not adequately portrayed in the following areas:

- 1) USSR, Afghanistan, and China (main map)
- 2) Gwadar (main map)
- 3) Yemen-Aden (main map)

c. The international boundaries are incorrectly shown in the following areas:

- 1) Egypt and Sudan (main map)
- 2) Eritrea and Ethiopia (inset map)

d. Many country names are missing on the main and inset maps and many names that are shown do not conform with BGN recommendations such as:

- 1) French Africa should be deleted (main map)
- 2) Istanbul should read istanbul (main map)
- 3) Somililand should be British Somaliland (inset map)
- 4) Cyprus should have (U.K.) added (main map)
- 5) French Somaliland should be spelled out (main map)

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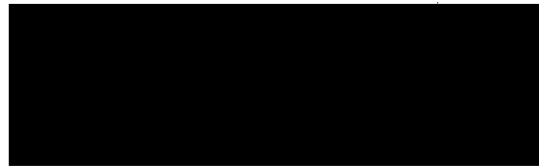
e. Other inaccuracies may be noted:

- 1) The railroad along the north boundary of Syria should be on the Turkey side of the boundary.
- 2) The use of green for both railroads and pipelines is confusing.
- 3) Pie chart at top left - 70.7% reads 74%.
- 4) Lower right chart - graphic portrayal of production in barrels is not consistent between Iraq and Qatar vs. Iran and Bahrein.

3. By agreement, D/GG will analyze the oil information in more detail.

4. As a general observation, it should be noted that the effectiveness of the map is very low primarily due to poor cartographic principles.

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